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BALANCE FAVORS FOREIGN NATIONS

Effect of Heavy Crop Exportations of Next Few Months Awaited With Interest.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—The balance of trade which the statistics of the last thirty years have generally shown to be largely in favor of this country has turned over. It now stands a million dollars on the other side of the ledger for the first eight months of this calendar year. The month of August swung the pendulum and brought to the United States \$3,563,425 more in trade than it took out.

From that condition students of economics may draw conclusions as varied as they may be many. One is that there has been no readjustment of prices in the United States since the panic of 1907-08. Another is that the balance of trade has been against us for a long time without showing in the statistics of merchandise, because Americans spend \$150,000,000 a year in Europe and more millions are paid for ocean steamship freight rates to the German and British banks.

However, it is generally expected that the condition of national banks at the close of business on September 1, now being compiled, will verify the latter conclusions in a measure and it is predicted that the gold imports for August, which amounted to \$9,668,183 are but the forerunner of the flow of gold due to come from Europe in September and October in settlements for the shipments of grain and cotton.

But in spite of the inflow of gold for August, the excess of exports of gold for the first eight months on the calendar year is more than \$10,000,000. That is said to be about the natural proportion for this gold-producing country.

Reports from the banks of the country are reassuring to treasury officials because they indicate that the interior banks have strengthened themselves for the crop movement and may not make unexpected calls on the money centers. The formation of emergency currency associations at the suggestion of Secretary MacVeagh is expected to relieve any situation that might come about from the interior banks hoarding their money. Some of the hearty supporters of the law believe it may offset the position the treasury is in because of the foreign trade situation. It is pointed out that with the balance of trade against the United States and the working balance in the treasury at present, the emergency currency issue is the most likely aid the banks would have at hand.

It is estimated that the treasury could not do now what it could do in 1907 to help the banks.

What the heavy crop exportations of the next two months will do to the balance of trade will be watched with a great deal of interest.

ARREST SHERIFF CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR

By Associated Press.

Aberdeen, S. D., Sept. 17.—An exposure of wholesale swindling of the Indians on the Standing Rock reservation may follow the arrest of Sheriff George P. Perry, of Carson county, on the charge of selling liquor to the Indians. It is understood a more serious charge will be brought against Perry. The Indians allege that while under the influence of liquor they were taken to a "fake" court by Perry and fined three hundred dollars. More arrests are expected in a few days.

Find Bodies on Engine Pilot.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 17.—Tightly wedged in the pilot of an express train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the bodies of two men, badly mangled and supposed to be those of Winifred D. Cullin and Jesse Cullin, of Belcamp, Mo., were found today when the train arrived here. In addition to the bodies, parts of which were missing, pieces of a horse blanket and a portion of a carriage wheel were found on the locomotive. In the pockets of the clothing on the bodies, letters were found containing their names and addresses.

DISCOUNTING BANKS WILL GET NO STATE DEPOSITS

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 17.—Attorney General West Friday wrote a formal letter to State Treasurer Jim Menefee, ordering that official not to deposit any state funds in any bank of the state until it could be determined whether they were discounting state paper or not. The attorney general would allow state deposits in no banks discounting state papers.

The attorney general bases his demand of the state treasurer on an old statute providing that the state treasurer shall select the depositories for state funds subject to the approval of the governor and the attorney general.

State Treasurer, Menefee, who received the letter late this afternoon, seemed to think nothing of great importance involved. He does not know of any discounting of state warrants, he said. One or two holders of the public building warrants, which must not be confused with the regular state warrants, had let them go at a discount. It had been understood in order to reap some ready cash, but the state warrants were going at par, and the public building warrants, so far as the state was concerned, were being sold only at par and with accrued interest.

From Preaching to Bootlegging.

Sapulpa, Okla., Sept. 17.—From the church to the rum shop is a long distance but it was comparatively short for John Wilson, former minister of the gospel, who this evening was arrested on the charge of offering whiskey for sale to "Blind Sam," a negro. Wilson was locked up at headquarters in default of \$50 bond.

Wilson, upon his own admission, was for years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and had a charge in the southern part of the state. He resigned from the ministry and then luck turned against him. When he found his finances depleted and felt the pangs of want he is said to have engaged in the "bootlegging" business.

WUST MAKE REDUCTIONS OR SUSPEND REFINERIES

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 17.—A conference here between representatives of the Oklahoma oil refiners and producers, entering Oklahoma, so far has produced no definite result. An effort is being made to readjust rates on refined oil. The railroads show no disposition to make a reduction and the oil men contend that if rates are not modified they will have to suspend the operation of their refineries.

Progressing Slowly.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 17.—The coal miners in convention here, to ratify the contract which will end the strike in the southwest were progressing slowly when the convention took a recess at noon. Delegates said they hoped to finish the ratification by tonight.

BALLINGER'S RESIGNATION FOLLOWS CABINET MEETING

Whether He Will Retain Position Until Report of Investigation Committee Depends on Action of its Associates--Was Disappointed Over Absence of Root and Flint at Minneapolis--Failure of Committee to Take Final Action Determines Course of the Secretary.

Washington, Sept. 17. — Whether Richard A. Ballinger's resignation as secretary of the interior will follow immediately upon the meeting of the cabinet September 26 to attend which he now is en route from Seattle, or whether he will retain the position is definitely, at least until after the delivery to congress of the representative committee which investigated his stewardship of public domain, depends now upon the attitude of his associates.

Ballinger is coming to Washington, friends here insist, wholly unconscious of any act on his part for which he should be condemned and has determined to force his chief and official colleagues to be his judges. If they concur in the view at present attributed to President Taft that the accused secretary shall be sustained as an innocent and persecuted man, he will retain the position; if they fail to back him up he will resign.

That is Ballinger's position, it was learned today upon authority hardly to be questioned.

At the first meeting of the cabinet after the summer recess, Secretary of War Dickinson, the democratic member, will not have returned from the Philippines and will therefore be saved the embarrassment of participation in what is regarded as largely a problem of republican policy. The meeting is expected to last three days. It will surprise nobody here if the Ballinger case occupies a large part of the time.

Rumors have been constant and decidedly definite during the past few days that Ballinger's resignation would be one of the first developments of the cabinet meeting, but his friends, including his associates in the interior department, refuse to believe that he would retire "under fire," and pointed to his oft repeated declaration to the contrary and to a recent statement attributed to him that he would resign only at the specific request of the president.

Some of these, however, today admitted themselves and the secretary to be alive to the fact that the turmoil and uncertainty into which the protracted controversy was plunged the department must be abated soon unless an important branch of public service is to become hopelessly demoralized. Nobody doubts that the majority—all but one of the republican members—of the investigating committee will sustain Ballinger in the report to congress.

Secretary Ballinger and partisans were greatly disappointed that the absence of Senators Root and Flint from the Minneapolis meeting left the pro-Ballinger portion of the committee in the minority and permitted the democrats and insurgent republican members to put forth reports condemning him, which for many weeks will stand before the country as the only findings of the investigating committee, whereas he relied upon the

CHAIRMAN LOVE WILL INITIATE COURT BILL

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 17.—Chairman Jack Love, of the corporation commission, intends to do a little initiating business on his own hook. He proposes to initiate a measure calling for a civil court of appeals to handle corporation commission cases exclusively. "Such a court is a necessity," says Mr. Love. "There is no sense in the commission waiting several months to get final decisions. We ought to have action on our cases in thirty and not more than sixty days, hence the necessity of a new tribunal, to relieve the congestion."

W. F. Hammet and F. M. Scott were in the city this morning from Chelsea.

majority for vindication.

This failure of the committee to take final action, which, it is said, determined Secretary Ballinger's course.

It was said today by a close friend of the secretary that had the majority of the committee been ready to report at the Minneapolis meeting he would have tendered his resignation to the president and urged its acceptance on the ground that the dissensions to which he had been a party were detrimental to the public interest.

When the committee failed at Minneapolis to take action as a whole and when there was no quorum at the meeting in Chicago, it became apparent that no decision could be looked for practically for several months. This situation is said to have convinced Ballinger that his position, in spite of the continued support of the president, has become untenable. Unable, he sees it, to resign, either vindicated or condemned by the committee, he has decided, it is said, to demand of his superior and cabinet associates either a vindication or condemnation. Ballinger left his home in Seattle yesterday and will reach Washington several days in advance of the cabinet session. His purpose in thus speeding his return is believed to be to counsel with his immediate subordinates and gain their assistance in preparing for the demand upon the cabinet for a "show down."

FARMERS ELECT MARTIN PRESIDENT

Owing to Candidate McNeal's Attack on Board, Republicans Refuse to Attend Meeting.

After the election of officers for the ensuing year and choosing a delegate to attend the state meeting at Stillwater next August for the purpose of selecting two members of the state board of agriculture, the Craig County Farmers' Institute closed its annual session in this city last night.

G. M. Martin, a well known democrat and one of the most prominent farmers and fine stock raisers in the state was chosen president. E. C. Harlin, of Welch was elected vice-president. The following members of the executive committee were chosen: A. M. Voyles, of Woodley, chairman; Jordan Morris, of near Centralia and J. N. McDonald, of Blue Jacket. D. C. Roper, of near Woodley was chosen delegate to attend the state meeting and Bob Madison, of Big Cabin was selected as the alternate.

The meetings yesterday at both the afternoon sessions were well attended and much interest shown in the work of the institution.

Politics was injected into the meeting by the failure of many of the leading republican farmers, who have in the past taken a lead in the work, to attend. This absence was created by the attacks of Joe McNeal, the republican candidate for governor, upon the agricultural organization of the state and by a letter from the state chairman, James E. Harris.

Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian church is located on the corner of Illinois and Thompson streets. We would like to see every member in attendance. If you have no church home come and worship with us.

Morning service, 11 a. m.
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
C. E. meeting, 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, at 7:30.

W. O. DAVIS, Pastor.

Fight For Agreement.

By Associated Press.

New York, Sept. 17.—The counsel for Lina Cavalleri said today that they proposed to fight for her rights and she was coming to this country to see that the pre-nuptial agreement, whereby Chanler turned over what is said to be his entire fortune, was carried out. The counsel for Slinner flatly denied that Cavalleri had asked for a compromise from the Chanler family, rather than engage in a litigation to defend the pre-nuptial agreement.

HETTY GREEN, THE RICHEST WOMAN IN WORLD AT TULSA

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 17. — Traveling alone and dressed very plainly, the richest woman in the world is said to have paid a visit to Tulsa Wednesday. The nature of Mrs. Hetty Green's visit to Tulsa is enshrouded in mystery. Supposedly her stop over here was to invest some of her untold wealth in Tulsa property or possibly in some oil lands adjoining the city.

A woman dressed in black with a small sailor was seen leaving the Frisco depot Wednesday afternoon after the 3 o'clock train pulled into the city. She was recognized by a few as being Mrs. Hetty Green. Nothing in her actions or in her dress would in the least betray the fact that she is the wealthiest woman in the world. She carried only a small grip and refused the "caddy" invitation to ride uptown.

This unique person very closely avoided stopping at a hotel and took dinner at a prominent boarding house at the corner of Elgin and Third street. She was in consultation with a lawyer for a few hours Wednesday evening but the slightest information that would lead to a clue as to the real nature of her mission here was denied when approached by a representative of the press.

"No, I am not going to stop here over night, I am on my way to Texas," she said in answer to a query as to how long she intended remaining in the city. "Oh, I like Tulsa fine, it is such a business-like place, and has a real metropolitan air. No, I am not buying any mansion here in which to locate." From the tone of her voice and the expression on her face it was very evident that if she would at least make Tulsa one of her many homes.

Mrs. Green travels about the country very much in the disguise of a quiet country lady, and was very much chagrined at the discovery of her identity here in Tulsa. She has passed the middle age of life and is now in the declining years, in fact she is just lately a grandmother, although she is in the best of health and good for many years to come, due probably to her way of living.

Mrs. Hetty Green has long been reputed to be the richest woman in the world. She owns large estates in every state in the Union, besides much property in New York and Chicago, and is recognized as a shrewd business woman. She is now on her way to look over her railroad properties in Texas, leaving Tulsa on the 6 o'clock train south.

BUSINESS MEN OFFER REWARD FOR CASHIER

By Associated Press.

Ablene, Kans., Sept. 17.—Business men of this city raised two hundred and fifty dollars today to aid in the capture of John Flack, the missing cashier of the Abilene State bank, who was last heard of in New York. The county commissioners refused to offer any assistance. The sheriff of the county and several Pinkerton detectives are in pursuit of Flack.

Jury to Meet Again.

Ablene, Kans., Sept. 17.—The coroner's jury in the case of Bertha Bengus, who was found dead in a room in her home here several weeks ago, met today. The report of Professor Bushong of the Kansas university, showing that two spoonfuls of chloroform and no other poison had been found in the stomach was read and the jury adjourned to meet at the coroner's call.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chubbuck and son Rex, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed, returned to their home in Chicago, this morning. They are very much pleased with Vinita, and their son is coming back with a view of putting in a real "French dry cleaning" establishment.

KANSAS BANKER FEARS VIOLENCE

Jury Acquits Man Who Killed Dick Terry at Tahlequah During the Cherokee Payment.

Muskogee, Okla., Sept. 17.—Somewhere between Muskogee and Tahlequah, cash L. Pratt, a banker, escorted by two heavily armed officers of Cherokee county, is driving as fast as two good horses can carry him to this city to escape possible violence at the hands of friends of Dick Terry, who was shot and killed by Pratt last June.

Pratt was acquitted by a jury Friday morning at 2:30. The jury had been out since Thursday afternoon. Pratt pleaded self-defense, and a witness was produced who swore that he had taken a gun off Terry immediately after he was shot by Pratt. The jury believed that Terry had this gun on him when he approached Pratt, whom, it is alleged, he had sworn to kill.

The killing occurred in the rear of the council house at Tahlequah early one morning during the Cherokee payment, June 30. Pratt was one of the bankers who was at the payment collecting accounts. He had had trouble over money matters with Terry before, and stated that he believed Terry intended to kill him. So when Terry approached the booth where Pratt was that morning, the latter drew a gun and shot Terry.

The courts refused to admit Pratt to bail. He remained in the Tahlequah jail. The murder was one that stirred the Cherokee nation as has seldom been done since the days of the feud fights of the old Cherokee factionists.

Terry, the man who was killed had for many years been a deputy marshal under the old federal regime, and had many friends all over the Cherokee nation. Pratt came to Oklahoma from Arkansas, and was of one of the best families of that state. He had stood well in business circles and had a host of friends. Murray Haskell, of Muskogee, a son of Governor Haskell, was one of the witnesses who testified to Pratt's good character. Haskell was present during the entire trial.

The case went to the jury last night about 5 o'clock. At 2:30 this morning the jury said it was ready to report. The verdict was an acquittal. The defendant was represented by Hastings and King, of Tahlequah, and Judge E. G. Mitchell, of Harrison, Ark. The prosecution was represented by County Attorney J. I. Courtney and Judge Keenan.

Terry's father and two brothers, of Utah, were in Tahlequah to attend the trial, and there were many of Terry's friends there this morning when the verdict of the jury became known. There were rumors of trouble and violence to Pratt when he should be released from jail, and as a precaution the authorities thought it best that Pratt should be spirited out of town in order to avoid a clash, should he and the Terrys meet. So a team was secured and Pratt, accompanied by two officers, left Tahlequah Friday morning overland, thinking it safer to drive than to come on the train.

Congregational Church.

Services both morning and evening. Special music. Mr. Bebout and Mr. McKay will sing. Sunday school at 9:45. C. E. at 7:00. A welcome to all.

J. E. PERSHING, Pastor.

SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT WRITES IOWA POLITICIANS

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—Indications multiply that the letter written by Charles D. Norton, secretary to the president to an unnamed Iowa politician is the expression of the policy of Taft to be followed by various departments of the government in matters of patronage towards all republicans, whether they are insurgents or regulars. Copies of the letter have been sent from Beverly to the executive heads of all departments in Washington. Copies were not accompanied by a letter of transmittal, directing the department heads to heed suggestions contained in the letter, but merely by a note that the letter had been written by the authority of the president.

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